

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
CENTRAL DIVISION**

EDWARD S. WALSH, et al.,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	No. 05-4140-CV-C-SOW
	)	
LAWRENCE CRAWFORD, Director,	)	
Missouri Dept. of Corrections, et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Plaintiffs, inmates confined in a Missouri penal institution, brought this case under the Civil Rights Act of 1871, 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and its corresponding jurisdictional statute, 28 U.S.C. § 1343. This case was referred to the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge for processing in accord with the Magistrate Act, 28 U.S.C. § 636, and L.R. 72.1.

On July 11, 2007, plaintiff Tony Williams was ordered to show cause why defendants' motion for sanctions should not be granted. Plaintiff was warned that failure to respond would likely result in dismissal of his claims, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b). As stated in M.S. v. Wermers, 557 F.2d 170, 175 (8th Cir. 1977):

A district court has power to dismiss an action for failure of the plaintiff to comply with 'any order of court.' Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b). Such action may be taken on the court's own motion, Welsh v. Automatic Poultry Feeder Co., 439 F.2d 95, 96 (8th Cir. 1971); see Stanley v. Continental Oil Co., 536 F.2d 914, 916-17 (10th Cir. 1976), and may be exercised under the court's inherent power to control its docket, Pond v. Braniff Airways, Inc., 453 F.2d 347, 349 (5th Cir. 1972); see also Link v. Wabash R.R. Co., 370 U.S. 626, 629-33 (1962), and to protect the integrity of its orders, Fendler v. Westgate-California Corp., 527 F.2d 1168, 1170 (9th Cir. 1975). See generally 15 A.L.R. Fed. 407 (1973).

Plaintiff has failed to respond to that order. Plaintiff failed to appear for his scheduled deposition, despite proper notice, and has provided the court no explanation for his nonappearance.

IT IS, THEREFORE, RECOMMENDED that defendants' motion for sanctions be granted and plaintiff Tony Williams' claims be dismissed, with prejudice, for failure to prosecute. [83]

Under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), the parties may make specific written exceptions to this recommendation within twenty days. The District Judge will consider only exceptions to the specific proposed findings and recommendations of this report. Exceptions should not include matters outside of the report and recommendation. Other matters should be addressed in a separate pleading for consideration by the Magistrate Judge.

The statute provides for exceptions to be filed within ten days of the service of the report and recommendation. The court has extended that time to twenty days, and thus, additional time to file exceptions will not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances. Failure to make specific written exceptions to this report and recommendation will result in a waiver of the right to appeal. See L.R. 74.1(a)(2).

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007, at Jefferson City, Missouri.

/s/ William A. Knox

WILLIAM A. KNOX  
United States Magistrate Judge